3. M/s. G. M. Enterprises,C/o. Lt. Col. P. C.Saha, 4 Bengal N.C.C. Br., Burdwan, Pusta Bhawan, Burdwan-713103 W.B.	At Km. 172.2 on NH-2 between Asansol-Calcutta section.	The Entrepreneur has been asked to furnish documents showing that he is in possession of the land, which are still awaited.
4. Sh. Dipankar Manna, 99-A Bampass Road, Calcutta-700029 W.B.	At Km. 111 on Calcutta-Kharagpur section on NH-6	Detail working drawings have been approved in Oct. 95, As per LOI, the Entrepreneur is required to complete the construction within one year from the date of approval.

Rape cases in the country

1045. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rape cases registered during the last two years;

(b) the number of cases in which charge-sheets have been issued and culprits penalised;

(c) the steps taken to check such crimes; and

(d) whether Government propose to reform the existing laws to deal such cases and provide harsh punishments to culprits; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Available information is indicated in the enclosed statement (*see* below).

(c) and (d) As per Seventh Schedule of the Constiution of India, 'Police' and Public Order' are state subjects and therefore, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has, from time to time, stressed upon the State Governments the need to take effective action in cases of violence against and harassment of women. The steps suggested by the Central Government include, *inter alia*, the setting up of women's cell at the district police station level, wide recruitment of women police officers and gender sensitisation training to police personnel, etc.

The Government is alive to the needs of the changing society and has been modifying and amending the existing laws as and when required to make the same more effective and stringent.

Statement

(a) Registration of rape cases

Year	*registered Cases*
1993	12218
1994	13208
1995	12618*

(b) Disposal of rape cases by police:

Year	No. of Cases for investigation including pending cases	Cases inves-tigated	Cases Charge-sheeted
1993	17179	12037	10334
1994	18299	13109	11304

(c) Disposal of rape cases by courts:

Year	No. of cases tried	No. of cases convicted
1993	6293	1907
1994	7697	2342

* Provisional Data relating to (b) and (c) above not yet available for 1995.

Purchase of SU-27 Fighter Aircraft by Pakistan from Russia

1046. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has plans to obtain SU-27 fighter jets from Russia following the cancellation of its deal to buy 71 F-16 aircraft from US;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the press reports in this regard;

(c) if so, whether Pakistan has improved its Naval and Air force strength; and

(d) if so, the measures Government have taken to match the strength of Navy and Air force of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Government have seen reports of Pakistan's interst in the purchase of SU- 27 aircrafts from Russia.

(c) Pakistan's acquisition of sophisticated weapons and technology is likely to enhance the existing operational capability of its armed forces and will not be conducive to peace and security of the region.

(d) Government keep the security of the country under constant review and take appropriate measures to safeguard it.

Promotion of Hindi language in Indian Embassies and High Commissions

1047. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleasse to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated some schemes to promote Hindi language in the various Indian embassies and High Commissions abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what effective measures Government propose to take to implement the aforesaid schemes in the embassies and High Commissions abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details at enclosed statement (*see* below).

(c) Progress is reviewed in the meeting of the Official Language Implementation Committees of Indian Embassies/High Commissions. Ministry of External Affairs also review these progress reports. Efforts are made to remove the deficiencies noticed during the reviews.

Statement

Annual programme is issued by Deptt. of Official Language to promote use of Official Language Hindi in Indian Missions/High Commissions. Following are the targets fixed therein:—

(i) Starting of correspondence by High Commissions/Embassies with foreign Governments in Hindi and in their own language. Minimum 22% communications etc. to the offices located in India should be in Hindi.

(ii) Ensuring compliance of section 3(3) of Official Language Act, 1963.

(iii) Posting of at least one Hindi Typist/Hindi Steno and provision of one Hindi/ bilingual typing machine in each office.

(iv) Preparation of all stationery items, name-plates, seals, procedural literature bilingually.

(v) Invitation letters for functions and celebrations must be got printed in Hindi and use of Hindi in conversation must be encouraged.

(vi) Constitution of Town Official Language Implementation Committees to promote the use of Hindi in the Offices of Central Government functioning abroad.

(vii) Providing administrative and other standard Hindi glossaries to the officers. Provision of Hindi section also in the Journals- Magazines published there from; arrangements for interpretation from local language to Hindi and vice-versa.

Illegal Arms trade in Delhi

1048. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the illegal arms trade in Delhi's eastern border villages;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any investigation into the matter;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and